

RESOURCES FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

The CARES Act includes language giving the Attorney General authority to grant free phone calls and videoconferencing for people behind bars during the public health emergency, since in-person visits have been suspended. Senator Booker's office is working to ensure the Attorney General exercises this authority.

I have an elderly or ill family member in Federal prison. Is there any opportunity for early release?

Yes, it is possible. This bill gives the Attorney General expanded authority to release people who are serving the last year of their sentence to home confinement, those individuals should contact their attorney for more information.

I am not being allowed to visit my family member in prison because of the coronavirus. Is there an alternative to in-person visits?

This bill authorizes the U.S. Attorney General to do more to set up video visitation for inmates, free of charge. Senator Booker is working to ensure the Attorney General exercises his authority to ensure incarcerated individuals can contact their loved ones free of charge.

I have a family member involved in the federal justice system, what is going to happen to their case?

This bill allows courts to hold some hearings by video, but only if the defendant agrees.